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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A mailbox support apparatus connectable to an existing mailbox post and for receiving a mailbox thereon, said apparatus comprising:

a bracket including

a plurality of spaced side members including inner surfaces secured to opposed sides of a mailbox post, said plurality of side members including front and rear sides respectively, and

a plurality of cross members having oppositely spaced edge portions secured to said plurality of side members respectively and for assisting to maintain same at stable positions; and

an elongated support member having a centrally disposed longitudinal axis and a plurality of opposed edge portions equally spaced therefrom and extending substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis along a length of said support member, said support member including a flanged front end portion for securely receiving a mailbox thereon, said plurality of edge portions of said support member being slidably engageable between said plurality of side members so that a mailbox can be selectively moved between forward and rearward positions;

wherein said plurality of cross members and said support member have a plurality of holes formed therein respectively and select ones of same being alignable with each other for receiving a fastening member therethrough so that said support member will become securely attached to said bracket.

2. (Canceled)

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3. (Original)The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said plurality of side members are formed to be substantially triangular.

4. (Original)The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said flanged front-end portion includes a top surface disposed above a top surface of said support member.

5. (Original)The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said flanged front-end portion includes a top surface disposed above a top surface of said plurality of cross members.

6. (Original)A mailbox support apparatus connectable to an existing mailbox post and for receiving a mailbox thereon, said apparatus comprising:

a bracket including

a plurality of spaced side members including inner surfaces secured to opposed sides of a mailbox post, said plurality of side members including front and rear sides respectively, and

a plurality of cross members having oppositely spaced edge portions secured to said plurality of side members respectively and for assisting to maintain same at stable positions;

an elongated support member having a centrally disposed longitudinal axis and a plurality of opposed edge portions equally spaced therefrom and extending substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis along a length of said support member, said support member including a flanged front end portion for securely receiving a mailbox thereon, said plurality of edge portions of said support member being slidably engageable between said plurality of side members so that a mailbox can be selectively moved between forward and rearward positions; and

said plurality of cross members and said support member have a plurality of holes formed therein respectively and select ones of same being alignable with each other for receiving a fastening member therethrough so that said support member will become securely attached to said bracket.

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7. (Original)The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said plurality of side members are formed to be substantially triangular.

8. (Original)The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said flanged front-end portion includes a top surface disposed above a top surface of said support member.

9. (Original)The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said flanged front-end portion includes a top surface disposed above a top surface of said plurality of cross members.

10. (Original)A mailbox support apparatus connectable to an existing mailbox post and for receiving a mailbox thereon, said apparatus comprising:

a bracket including

a plurality of spaced side members including inner surfaces secured to opposed sides of a mailbox post, said plurality of side members including front and rear sides respectively, and

a plurality of cross members having oppositely spaced edge portions secured to said plurality of side members respectively and for assisting to maintain same at stable positions;

an elongated support member having a centrally disposed longitudinal axis and a plurality of opposed edge portions equally spaced therefrom and extending substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis along a length of said support member, said support member including a flanged front end portion for securely receiving a mailbox thereon, said plurality of edge portions of said support member being slidably engageable between said plurality of side members so that a mailbox can be selectively moved between forward and rearward positions, said flanged front end portion includes a top surface disposed above a top surface of said plurality of cross members; and

said plurality of cross members and said support member have a plurality of holes formed therein respectively and select ones of same being alignable with each other for receiving a fastening member therethrough so that said support member will become securely attached to said bracket.

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11. (Original)The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said plurality of side members are formed to be substantially triangular.

12. (Original)The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said flanged front-end portion includes a top surface disposed above a top surface of said support member.